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(U) Merced – FBI Releases Plan of Radicalized California College Student in 2015 Campus Stabbing

(U) A troubled California university freshman who burst into a classroom in 2015, stabbing four people before police shot him dead, planned to praise Allah while killing classmates and use a gun taken from an ambushed officer to kill more, according to records released by the FBI. Authorities determined that Faisal Mohammad, an 18-year-old freshman at the University of California Merced, had no connections to organized hate or terror groups, and no past behavior to suggest violence. Still, records released by the FBI include a chilling, handwritten 31-step plan for the 4 November 2015 attack with names of people to target.

SOURCE: 17 November 2020, [Mercury News](#)

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(U) Florida – Man with ‘Sovereign Citizen’ Views Shot to Death by Woman, Police Say

(U) Marion County – A Florida man who questioned government authority over individuals living in the US through an online forum was fatally shot, allegedly by a woman who has espoused similar “sovereign citizen” views, police said Tuesday. The Marion County Sheriff’s Office said in a news release that Neely Petrie-Blanchard was arrested in Georgia one day after the killing of Christopher Hallett, 50, in his Ocala-area home. Witnesses to the shooting said Petrie-Blanchard accused Hallett of working with the government to deny her custody of her children. Hallett ran an entity called E-Clause LLC that featured a Facebook page filled with documents, graphics, and articles about whether governments have authority in many instances over individuals. This viewpoint is frequently summarized as the “sovereign citizen” movement.

SOURCE: 17 November 2020, [Tampa Bay Times](#)

(U) Missouri – Man Threats to Kill Tech Leaders, Political Opponents; is Indicted on Child Pornography

(U) House Springs – According to court documents, the FBI was alerted to a user on YouTube advocating for violence on multiple occasions for several months. The individual threatened to “stick a sword” in YouTube CEO Susan Wojcicki, suggested Twitter CEO Jack Dorsey “must die,” and said employees of Twitter, Facebook, Google, YouTube, and mainstream media should be shot in the face. Other targets included police officers, government employees, members of the Black Lives Matter movement, Antifa, and “EVERY member of the communist democrat party of America,” and even going as far to write, “democrat children are easier to shoot than democrat ‘parents’. They’re not as fast.” The man was indicted last month on child pornography charges after federal authorities confronted him about the online posts that he had made.

SOURCE: 17 November 2020, [Fox2now](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Iraq – Iraqi Military says Rocket Attack in Baghdad Kills Child

(U) Baghdad – Rockets struck Iraq’s capital Tuesday with four landing inside the heavily fortified Green Zone killing a child and wounding at least five people, signaling an end to an informal truce announced

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by Iran-backed militias in October. Two Iraqi security officials said one of the rockets that hit the Green Zone struck close to Iraq's National Security Service, just 600 meters (2,000 feet) from the American Embassy. Some of the rockets were intercepted by the C-RAM air defense system installed by the US earlier this year, they said.

(U) SOURCE: 16 November 2020, [AP](#)

(U) Poland – Pole and Chinese Citizen Indicted in Warsaw for Spying

(U) Warsaw – Polish authorities said on Wednesday a former secret service agent and a Chinese citizen who worked for a telecommunications company have been charged with spying for China. The allegations against the employee of Huawei and a former Polish domestic intelligence operative who were being investigated by the Warsaw government for suspected espionage, had been previously been reported by the media. An indictment was submitted on Tuesday to Warsaw District Court against the suspects, named as Piotr D. and Weijing W., a spokesman for the minister coordinating Poland's special services said in a statement carried by state news agency PAP.

SOURCE: 18 November 2020, [Reuters](#)

(U) United Kingdom – Police Arrest Man in Connection with 1974 Birmingham Bombing

(U) Belfast – British counterterrorism police said on Wednesday they had arrested a man in connection with the 1974 pub bombings in the city of Birmingham which killed 21 people and wounded over 180 others, in the deadliest attack on the British mainland in 30 years of Northern Irish violence. West Midlands Police said counterterrorism officers had arrested a 65-year-old man at a residence in Belfast on Wednesday in connection with the attacks. The residence is being searched and he will be interviewed under caution at a police station in Northern Ireland.

SOURCE: 18 November 2020, [Reuters](#)

(U) United Kingdom – Right-Wing Extremism is UK's Fastest Growing Threat

(U) London – A surge in online extremism, at a time of COVID-19 related isolation, has created a "perfect storm" for radicalization, according to the UK's top counterterrorism police officer. Metropolitan Police Assistant Commissioner Neil Basu has said growing numbers of young people have been sucked in by the increase in hateful ideology online and set on a path towards violent extremism. AC Basu revealed that 17 children, some as young as 14, were arrested on terrorism charges in the past 18-months. Over the same time period, more than 1,500 children under the age of 15 were referred to the Prevent Counter Radicalization Program.

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